ARTICLES TO BE MINISTRED, ENQVIRED OF, AND *ANSWERED*;

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The tenor of the Oath to be miniſtred to the Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall upon due conſideration of the Articles given you in charge; preſent all and every ſuch perſon, of or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence mentioned in theſe, or any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, and defamed of any ſuch offence: Wherein you ſhall diſcharge your conſciences uprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice preſenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth: having in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine the truth, and ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God, and by the Contents of this Booke.

Of Divine Service and administration *of the Sacraments.*

INprimis, Whether is the prescript forme of diuine Seruice vsed by your Minister vpon Sundaies and Holy-daies, and Holy-day-eues according to the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading publike prayer, as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as in the Booke of Common Prayer is prescribed and is enjoyned by the 13 and 14 Canons? Prescript forme of Divine Service.

2 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doth reade the Letany vpon Wednesdaies and Fridayes, as is required by the 15 Canon. Reading of the Letany on Wednesdayes and Fridayes.

3 Item, Whether doe the Housholders that dwell within halfe a mile of the Church or Chappell, either frequent the Church themselues to heare the Letany, or else send one of euery such family to ioyne with the Minister in the prayers of the Church, according to the aforesaid 15 Canon. Frequenting the Church Wednesdaies and Fridayes.

4 Item, Whether is there due reuerence and humble submission vsed in the Church or Chappell, as by the 18 Constitution is prescribed. Reverence in time of Divine Service.

5 Item, Whether is there any that sit couered in Church or Chappell at the time of diuine Seruice, except for some infirmities, he weare a night-cap or coife? Vncovered in the Church.

6 Item, Whether doe all persons present in Church or

Kneeling in the time of prayer.

Chappell kneele reuerently vpon their knées, when the generall Confession, Letany, or Prayer is read, and stand vp at the saying of the Creede, according to the 18 Canon.

Bowing at the Name of Iesus

7 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that in time of Diuine Seruice, when the name of the Lord Iesus shalbe mentioned, doth not reuerently bow body or knee, testifying by that outward gesture their inward humility and christian resolution, as is fully expressed in the foresaid 18 Canon.

Prophaning the Sunday.

8 Item, Whether hath any person lurkt and tipled in Tauerns or Alehouses, or stood idle in the Church-yard or Church-porch vpon Sundayes or Holy-dayes, or vsed his or their manuall Craft vpon the said dayes, or otherwise prophaned them in any sort, and especially in the time of Diuine Seruice, as is required in the 19 Canon.

Bread and Wine for the Communion.

9 Item, Whether the Churchwardens doe prouide against euery Communion with aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of the finest white Bread, and the best and most wholsome Wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, as is required by the 20 Canon.

Decencie at the Communion Table.

10 Item, Whether is the Wine brought to the Communion Table, in a cleane standing pot or stoop of pewter, if not of purer Mettle, as is required in the aforesaid 20 Canon?

Ministring & receiving the holy Communion.

11 Item, Whether your Minister doth administer the holy Communion, so often and at such times, as that euery parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the Book of Common prayer is appointed: and whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euery day before that hee administreth it to others, and vse the words of the Institution according to the Booke, at euery time that the Bread or Wine is renewed, in such manner and forme as by the prouiso of the 21 Canon is directed, or wherein is hee faulty, and whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22 Canon requireth?

Kneeling at the Communion.

12 Item, Whether doth your Minister administer the said Communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiuing of the same, and what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiuing thereof.

13 Item,

13 Item, Whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offendors or schismaticks to the Communion, contrary to the 26 or 27 constitutions? Offenders not to be admitted.

14 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, without license from the Arch-bishop, the Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellor, solemnize marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being three severall Sundaies or Holi-daies first published in time of divine Service, in the severall Churches or Chappels of their severall abode, according to the booke of Common Prayer, and that also betweene the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone? And furthermore, whether hath your Minister, since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons being vnder the age of xxi. yeares, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as their Parents haue made knowne vnto him their consent thereunto, and whether hath he married any of another Dioceese, who are they, and by what authority, and when? canon 62. Vnlawfull marriages.

15 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, do euery Sunday bid Holi-daies and Fasting-daies, as by the Booke of common Prayer is appointed, according to the 64 Canon? Bid Fasting daies, and Holi-daies.

16 Item, Whether is your Minister painfull in visiting the sicke, according to the Booke of common Prayer, as is required by the 67 canon? Visiting the sicke.

17 Item, Doth your Minister vse the forme of thanksgiuing to women after child-birth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary; and whether haue any married wiues refused to come to Church, according to the book of common Prayer, to giue God thankes after child-birth, in such vsuall and decent manner as anciently hath bin accustomed? If any be faulty herein, you shall present their names. Thankesgiuing after child-birth.

18 Item, Whether is there any stranger of any other parish admitted to receiue the Communion in your Parish, contrary to the 28 canon, and whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion in any priuate house, except it be in the time of necessity, contrary to the 71 canon? No stranger to be admitted.

19 Item, Whether doth your Minister appoint any publike Fasts without authority.

or private Fasts, without lawfull authority, contrary to the 72. Canon?

Unlawfull Conventicles.

20 Item, Whether are there any priuat meetings, assemblies or conuenticles either by day or by night vsed, or had within the Parish by any Minister or Ministers, or any lay persons tending to faction or schisme; declare the parties names, the places where, the time when, and how often haue you knowne any such meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles, contrary to the 73. Canon?

Surpleſſe and Hood.

21 Item, Whether doth your Minister weare the Surpleſſe whilest hee is saying the publike Prayers, and administring the Sacraments: and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth hee also weare vpon his Surpleſſe during the time aforesaid, such a Hood as by the order of the Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree, as is required by the 58. Canon?

Catechize.

22 Item, Whether doth your Minister on euery Sunday and Holi-day for halfe an houre and more, examine and instruct the Youth and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the Tenne Commandements, Articles of beliefe, and in the Lords prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether, Fathers, Mothers, Maisters and Mistrisses cause their Children, seruants, and apprentices to come thither to heare, and to bee instructed and taught therein, and those that doe not their duties heerein, you shall present their names, as is required in the 59 Canon?

Drunkennesse in Ministers.

23 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, frequent Tauernes and Ale-houses, or is giuen to drunkennesse, dicing, carding, or other vnlawfull games, forbidden by the 75. Canon?

Confirmation of Children.

24 Item, Whether doth your Minister prepare children for Confirmation according to the 61 Canon?

Commers to Preaching, but not to praying.

25 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that will come to heare Sermons, that will not come to heare publike Prayers, appointed by the Booke of Common Prayer, making a schisme or diuision betweene the vse of publike Prayer, and Preaching?

All resort to the Church and receive thrice a yeare.

26 Item, Whether doe all persons aboue the age of fifteene yeres, dually resort to heare Diuine Seruice vpon Sun-

dayes

daies and Holi-daies appointed; and whether haue each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of sixteene yéres aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yéare, and chiefly once at Easter last in your Parish Church kneeling; if no, then you shall présent their names which haue not so done, Canon 21?

27 Item, Whether your Minister and Parishioners vse perambulation, according to the appointment of the Church? Perambulation.

28 Item, Whether is the Fifth day of November obserued and kept festiuall, as by a speciall Act of Parliament in that case prouided is appointed? Fift of November.

29 Item, Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, as is required by the 30 Canon? Signe of the Crosse in Baptisme.

30 Item, Whether doth your Minister refuse to Christen and Burie, as is inioined in the 68 and 69 Canons? Refuse to christen or burie.

31 Item, Whether any person whatsoeuer, who hath not communicated, be admitted to be a Godfather or Godmother, contrarie to the Law and 29 Canon? No communicants, no Godfathers.

32 Item, Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiestie, King Charles, Quéen Mary, Prince Charles, with the rest of their Princelie Issue; the Lady Elizabeth, and all her Royall Progenie, with addition of such Stiles and Titles as are due, and appertaine vnto his Maiestie, and exhort the people to obedience to his Highnesse, and other Magistrates being in authority vnder him, Canon 55? A Prayer for the King.

33 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that impugneth and speaketh against the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them, you shall présent their names, contrary to the 6 Canon? Impugners of Rites and Ceremonies.

34 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion, agréed vpō in Anno Dom. 1562. and established in the Church of England? Articles of Religion.

35 Item, Are there any in your parish that doe impugne the gouernment of the Church of England vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Arch-deacons, Impugners of Church gouerment.

deacons, and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming the same is antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God, contrary to the 7 Canon?

Separates and new Brotherhood.

36 Item, Whether is there any in your parish that doth separate himselfe from the Church of England, and combine himselfe with any other in a new brotherhood accounting those that are comfortable to the state Ecclesiasticall, in Doctrine, Government and Ceremonies, vnmeet to ioyne with him in christian profession contrary to the 9. Canon?

Following vnlicensed Preachers.

37 Item, Whether is their any in your parish that doth maintaine such as refuse to subscribe to the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, prescribed in the Communion booke, contrary to the the tenth Canon?

Residence.

38 Item, Whether is your Minister resident with you vpon his Benefice; or for how long time hath hee been absent? and where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath hee? Canon 41.

Preaching according to the Canons.

39 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, preach vsually, according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure, or else in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning, wherein no preachers are? or how oft hath hee been negligent in that behalfe? Canon 45.

More Cures than one.

40 Item, Whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures than one? If yea, then what other Cure doth hee serue contrary to the 45 Canon?

Monthly Sermons.

41 Item, Whether doth your Parson or Vicar, not being a Preacher, procure monthly Sermons to bee preached by some licensed Preacher, as is required by the 46 Canon; and when there is no Sermon doth reade the Homilies prescribed by authority?

Absence from Benefice.

42 Item, Whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, being Canon of any Cathedrall or Collegiate Church (and not a Residentiary) absent himselfe from his Benefice with Cure, aboue the space of a month in the yeere, vnlesse it be for some vrgent cause allowed by the Bishop of the Diocesse, contrary to the 44 Canon?

None to preach without license.

43 Item, Whether any person hath been admitted to preach within

within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue knowne to haue beene sufficiently licensed.

44 Item, Hath any beene suffered to preach in your Church or Chappell, without shewing his license to the Minister or Church-wardens, and subscribing his name, as the 50. and 51 canons required. Strange preachers to subscribe their names.

45 Item, Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher, your Parson or Vicar reade Diuine seruice, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person, twice euery yeare, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the booke of Common Prayer established. Lecturers to reade Diuine Service twice a yeare.

46 Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Lecturer preach any Sermon or Collation in your parish Church upon Sundayes and Holidayes in the afternoone, but upon some part of the Catechisme, or some Text taken out of the Creed, Ten Commandements, or the Lords Prayer (Funerall Sermons onely excepted) according to his Maiesties directions by his Highnesse Letters, dated August 4. 1622. commanded to be obserued: and whether doth euery Preacher performe all other his Maiesties directions by the said Letters required to be performed; if not declare wherein they or any of them haue offended, what is his christian name, surname, and place of his abode, who hath so offended, contrary to the 56. canon. His Maiesties direction for preachers.

47 Item, Is there any in your parish that refuseth to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no preacher: you shall present their names. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said Booke of Canons, hath receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptised any of their children: you shall likewise present him, as the 57. Canon requireth. Refusers of the Communion, &c. because their Minister is no Preacher.

48 Item, Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, or Curate endeauoured to confute any Doctrine deliuered by any other preacher in the same Church, or any other neere adioyning, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case, according to the 53. Canon. Opposition betweene Preachers.

49 Item, Whether hath any [illegible] Running after seismaticall Preachers.

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strange Preachers, vnlicensed, suspended, or schismaticall from parish to parish, present the parties, and the places to which they resorted.

ecency in apparell, and soriety in conersation.

50 Item, Whether doth your Minister vse such decency and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 74 Constitution is inioyned: and whether is he of sober conuersation.

Things appertaining to the Church.

ookes necessary for the Church.

Item, Whether haue you prouided the Bible of the new translation, lately set forth by the Kings authority, the booke of Common Prayer, and the booke of Homilies, as the 8. canon requireth.

A Font.

2 Item, Whether you haue in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place, as the 81 canon requireth.

Communion Table &c.

3 Item, Whether you haue a decent Communion Table, with a carpet of silke or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at a conuenient time, as the 82. canon requireth.

Conuenient placing of the Communion Table.

4 Item, Whether is the same Table then placed in such conuenient sort within the Chancell or Church as the Minister may be best heard in his prayer, and administration of the Sacraments.

Ten Commandements.

5 Item, Whether all the ten Commandements are set vp in the East end of the Church or Chappell where the people may best see them, and reade them, and other sentences of Scripture written vpon other places of the wals also to that purpose, as the aforesaid 28. canon requireth.

Seate and Pulpit, &c.

6 Item, Whether you haue a conuenient seate for your Minister to reade Seruice, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely large Surplesse, a faire comely Cup of gold, siluer, or other pure mettle, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, as the 83. canon requireth.

A Chest for Almes.

7 Item, Whether you haue a chest for almes with a hole in the vpper

vpper part thereof, & thẽ keyes &c. as the 84 canon requireth.

8 Item, Whether doth your Minister diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their last Wils and Testaments, call vpon, exhort, and moue their neighbours to conuert, and giue as they may well spare to the said Chest, as they are required by the aforesaid 84. canon. Moue for workes of Charity.

9 Item, Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any Legacie by any mans will or gift otherwise giuen to the poore, to the Church, or any other holy vses, and not performed or bestowed according to his Will and gift. Gift or Legacie.

10 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof and Church-yard kept in good reparation, and in decent and comely fashion as well within as without, as in pauing of the Church, maintaining of Seats, whiting, glasing, tyling, walling, rayling, paling, &c. as is required in the 85. canon. Reparations of Churches

11 Item, Whether haue you a Terrior of gleiblands, tythes, and other possessions belonging to the Church, Parsonage, or Vicarage by the view of honest men of your Parish, by the appointment of the Bishop, and whether is the same laid vp in the Bishops Registrie, as the 87 canon requireth. Terrior of Lands, &c.

12 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell prophaned by any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, Drinkings, which are forbidden in the 88 canon. Prophaning of the Church.

13 Item, Whether you haue in your seuerall Church or Chappell, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall ready to bee reade by your Minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authority vnder the Great Seale of England. Booke of Canons.

14 Item, Whether is your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all houses thereunto belonging, kept in decent and good repaire, both in tyling glasing, walling, &c. Reparations of the Ministers house.

15 Item, Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register Booke prouided for christnings, marriages, and burials: and whether is the same duly and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe prouided. Register Booke.

Of School-maſters.

eaching ithout Li-nce.

ITem, Doth any take vpon him to teach Schoole either priuate or publike in your Pariſh, without ſpeciall licence of his Ordinary, contrary to the 79 canon?

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2 Item, Whether is there any that teacheth in the Pariſh where the Curate is deſirous to teach himſelfe, contrary to the 78 canon?

obrietie of hoole-ma-ers.

3 Item, Whether doth your School-maſter teach his Schollers any other Grammar than that which is allowed by publike authoritie? whether doth hee inſtruct them both in termes and good manners as diligently as hee ought to doe; without giuing himſelfe to exceſſiue drinking; or keeping diſorderly or ſuſpected company, or giue any other euill example of life?

Of Popiſh Recuſants.

opiſh School-aſters.

ITem, Whether doe any Popiſh Recuſants or any other keepe any Schoole-maſter in their houſe which commeth not to Church, to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the Communion, what is his name, and how long hath he taught?

Recuſants.

2 Item, How many inhabitants within your Pariſh men or women, aboue 16 yeares of age, bee Popiſh Recuſants, or doe refuſe to frequent diuine Seruice, eſtabliſhed by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion; what bee their names, and of what degree, ſtate, or trade of life are they?

ow long aue they been ecuſants.

3 Item, How long the ſaid Popiſh Recuſants haue obſtinately abſtained either from diuine Seruice, or from the Communion, as is aforeſaid, whether any long time, or onely ſince his Maieſties Raigne, or hath any lately become Popiſh Recuſants, and how long hath hee or ſhee been ſuch Recuſants?

ecuſants ſe-ucing others.

4 Item, Whether any of the ſaid Popiſh Recuſants be of inſolent behauiour, and do buſie themſelues in ſeducing of others from that Religion which is eſtabliſhed by publike authority in the Church of England, and whether they doe inſtruct their chil-

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dren, or cause them to be instructed in Popish Religion? what be their names that so doe?

5 Item, Whether be any Popish Recusants married, or any of their children christned, or any Recusants buried within your Parish by any other than the Minister of your Parish, where, when, and by whom, and whether doth any of their children remaine unbaptized above the space of a month? Papists Recusants married, christned, buried, &c.

6 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher, or sufficiently qualified, & if hee be, whether doth he from time to time offer quiet and temperate conference, to reclaime the Popish Recusants from their errours, & whether they, or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister, or any other Preacher who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalfe? Ministers to reclaime Recusants.

Of Excommunicate persons.

ITem, What persons are there in your Parish that remaine Excommunicate, or any other crime, what be their names, and for what cause, and how long haue they stood so excommunicate? Who stand excommunicate.

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister euery sixe months denounce in his Parish such as doe persevere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolued, and whether hath he admitted into the Church any person excommunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or his Substitute? Denounce excommunicate persons.

3 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, hath celebrated and said diuine Seruice, and Praiers in the Church, when any person hee knew to be excommunicated or denounced for an excommunicate person, was present in the same Church, at that time among the Congregation and whether hee hath suffered any excommunicate person (being a member cut off from the Church any christian societie) to be partaker of those Praiers, and hath not commanded the Church-wardens of the Parish, or some other, to put him out of the Church, or otherwise ceased from saying any diuine Seruice, during the time of any such excommunicated person there, at, and present, who hath offended herein, and how often? Excommunicate persons not to be present at publike Praier in the Church.

Staying the Publication of excommunicate persons.

4 Item, Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate of any your Churches or Chappels, having receiued any excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation from his Ordinary, or his Substitute against any of their Parishioners, haue presumed to make stay of, and not publish such excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, according to the Tenor thereof, the next Sunday or Holi-day, after the receite of the same in your Church or Chappell, at the time of diuine Seruice: if any be faulty herein, present their names, and how oft default hath bēn made in that behalfe?

Of Church-wardens, Quest-men, and Side-men.

Choice of Church-wardens.

ITem, Whether your Church-wardens be chosen in Easter-weeke, according to the 11 canon?

Consent in choice of Church-wardens.

2 Item, Whether was your Church-wardens and Quest-men chosen by the consent of the Parishioners, as the 89 canon requireth?

Church-wardens Accounts.

3 Item, Whether haue your Church-wardens before you giuen vp a iust account for their time, and deliuered vnto you their successors, whatsoeuer money, or other things of right belonging to the Church, that was in their hands, as the aforesaid 89 canon requireth?

Of other common disorders, crimes and scandals to be presented by Church-wardens and Side-men.

Incontinent persons, adulterers, swearers, &c.

ITem, whether haue you any in your Parish to your knowledge or by common fame or report, which haue committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which haue not bēn publikely punished, to your knowledge? if yea, then with whom, or any man that hath attempted the chastitie of any woman, or hath solicited any woman, to the intent to haue the carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your parish to be Bawds, or receiuers or conueiers away of any such persons, or suspected of any the crimes aforesaide are there any that are, or by cōmon report and fame, are reputed

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and taken to be such persons, or be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vsuall sweaters, symoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers, in Church, or Church-yard? you shall not faile to present their names according to the 109 canon.

2 Item, Whether haue any in your Parish receiued, or harboured any women being with child, out of Wedlocke, and suffered them to depart againe without punishment first inflicted on them by their Ordinary, you shall truly present aswell the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be father of her child? Harbouring incontinent persons.

3 Item, Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinencie, and therefore departed out of your parish, is againe returned thither, or in what other place is he, or she now abiding as you know or haue heard? whether hee or shee haue escaped without pennance, by what meanes, or by whose meanes, you shall present the whole truth in that behalfe? Incontinent persons escaping vnpunished.

4 Item, Whether are there in your Parish, any Willes not yet proued; you shall not faile to present the Executors, and all other faultie and culpable therein? Willes.

5 Item, Whether do you, and euery of you diligently see, that all the Parishioners doe duely resort to their Church euery Sunday and Holi-day; and there continue the whole time of diuine Seruice, and none to walke and stand idle, or talke in the Church or Church-porch, or Church-yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their families, accordingly frequent their Parish Church, and there behaue themselues soberly, attentiuely, and decently all the time of diuine Seruice, yea, or no? if no, then you shall present their names as the aforesaid 89 Canon requireth. Resorters to Church.

6 Item, Whether your Minister in his Church or Chappell, doth read the booke of Constitutions, or Canons Ecclesiasticall set forth by his Maiesties authority, or any part thereof vpon Sundaies or Holi-daies, in the after noone, after diuine Seruice, yea or not? Reading the Canons.

7 Item, Doe you know any of your Parish, that doth disturbe the Minister during diuine Seruice, or Preaching, either by wal- Disturbers of the Minister.

walking, talking, or other noise, contrary to the 111. Canon.

Not Communicants at Easter to be presented to the Bishop or his Chancellor.

8 Item, Whether haue the not Communicants at Easter last past, bene presented to the Bishop, or his Chancellor, by their names and surnames, as well men as women, being of the age of sixteene yeares, within forty dayes after Easter aforesaid, according to the 112. Canon.

Abuse or striking of the Minister.

9 Item, Whether hath any person in your Parish quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister or any other in the Church or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour.

Witches and such like, &c.

10 Item, Whether you know in your parish any Witches, Southsayers, Coniurers, Charmers, Sorcerers, or any that be suspected for such persons, present their names, and what hurt they haue committed.

Simoniacall Patrons.

11 Item, Doe you know any Patron, or Aduowsoner in your Parish, who hath made gaine, directly, or indirectly, by any colour, deceit, or Simoniacall compact, in bestowing his Benefice for gaine, receiuing money, or promise of a lease of the whole or part, or by reseruing his owne tythes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other.

Rates, and Fees.

12 Item, Whether hath the Chancellor, Arch-deacon, or Officiall, or any Register, or Apparator, exacted any extraordinary or greater Fees, then hath bene accustomed? whether is there a Table of the Rates of all Fees set vp in their seuerall Courts and Offices.

Midwiues not sworne.

11 Item, Whether any women of your Parish exercised the office of a Midwife, and not taken a corporal oath, vpon the holy Euangelists, before the Lord Bishop of the diocesse or his Chancellor or Deputy, to obserue all such Orders & Articles, as ought to be by her obserued concerning the execution of the said office.

How many Midwiues.

14 Item, How many Midwiues haue you in your Parish, which doe exercise that office, how long haue they so done, and by what authority, what be their names, of what skill are they accounted to be of, in that office and vocation.

Phisicians and Surgions.

15 Item, How many haue you in your Parish, that doe practise as Physicians, or Chirurgions: how long haue they so done

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by what authority; of what skill are they accounted to be in that their profession?

16 Item, Whether there be any Hospitals, or Almes-houses in your Parish, and whether the same be used, kept, and ordered according to the Foundation, Lawes, and Statutes thereof, and in whom the fault is, that they are not so used and kept? Hospitals and Almes-houses.

17 Item, Hath any presumed to execute the office of a Minister or Deacon in your Churches, and to say, and celebrate the Diuine Seruice there, or to serue the Cure of your parish, not being a Minister or Deacon? And whether any Deacon hath presumed to minister the Sacraments in any your Churches, not hauing first receiued the full Orders of Priest-hood? if yea, present what his name is, where he dwelleth, and how often he hath offended herein. Lay persons executing the office of a Minister in the Church.

18 Item, Whether haue your Parson, Vicar or Curate made any Simoniacall payment, or deuice for his preferment, to your knowledge? Simoniacall payment, &c.

19 Item, Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall Cognizance worthie the presentment in your Iudgement, which you hold fit to be reformed? if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes aforesaid. Any thing else.

Parish Clarke.

ITem, Whether is your Clarke chosen by any but by your Minister, and doth your Minister publish the said choice the Sunday after he hath made the said choice? Choice of the Clarke.

2 Item, Is your Clarke of twenty yeares of age at least, of honest conuersation, sufficient for reading and writing, and skilfull in singing? Age and honest conversation of the Clarke.

3 Item, Doth the Clarke receiue his accustomed wages either at the hands of the Church-wardens, or otherwise, as the custome of the Parish is, according to the 91 canon? Clarkes wages.

Of Marriages.

Marriage within the degrees prohibited.

ITem, Whether is there any in your Parish that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, and expressed in a Table set forth by authority, Anno Domini, 1563.

2. Item, Whether haue you the said Table publikely set vp and fixed in your Church, according to the 99. canon?

Of Divorces.

Sentence for Diuorce.

ITem, Whether is there any in your Parish, that hath had sentence for Diuorce, vpon the sole confession of the parties, contrary to the 105 canon?

Sentence giuen in open Court.

2 Item, Whether hath the said sentence of Diuorce béne giuen to your knowledge, any where else, but in open Court, contrary to the 106. canon?

Marriage after separation.

3 Item, Whether is there any in your Parish, that after sentence of Separation from Bed and Bord, hath contracted Matrimony with any other person during each others life?

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